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Greetings,

The outcome of tomorrow's hearing concerning SB16 will have a tremendous impact on people of color in CT. On the behalf of myself and my clients I will speak from the heart. As a black male that has been racially profiled by law enforcement both as a civilian and a military member, SB16 cannot move forward.

Why? How is a single mother or an armed guard supposed to get to work via public transportation and be safe walking to a bus stop without being able to exercise their 2nd Amendment Right?

How many people of color will be stopped to be checked for permits? Not because they are carrying a gun, but because they are brown and carrying a gun. A client told me yesterday that he was pulled over in Storrs, CT by the police, why? Because his car was too nice so it had be stolen. He was cuffed and thrown on the ground. Once the officers realized it was his car they picked him up off the ground uncuffed him and sent him on his way, no apology given.

Many are saying that no matter what testimony is given or email sent, you will move forward. We as people of color can no longer allow politicians who don't represent us to continue to stay in office. Why? Actions speak louder than words. Your war against gun violence reminds me of President Reagan's war on drugs. Rich white kids went to rehab for an eight ball of cocaine and a black kid went to prison for 3 crack rocks. Let's address violence period, because it exists in many forms.

Please, read the emails, listen to the arguments and only then make a discussion.

We all need you to do the right thing.

Regards,

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